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TREATMENT OF HEPATITIS C USING ERYTHROPOIETIN
ALPHA***
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Sir:

This is a response to the March 24, 2004 Advisory Action, and supplemental to the Amendment After Final Action dated February 9, 2004, and in further response to matters

discussed during the March 26, 2004 telephonic interview between the undersigned and Examiner DeBerry and SPE Kunz and to the Final Office Action mailed on October 7, 2003, which set a three-month term for reply. Applicant respectfully requests a three-month extension of time to respond to the Final Office Action, making this Response due on or before April 7, 2004.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicant respectfully requests a three-month extension of the period to reply to the October 7, 2003 Office Action, *i.e.*, up to and including April 7, 2004. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$475.00 small entity fee under §1.17(a)(3). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additionally required fee or credit any additional payment to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.